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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-19, 21 and 23-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sudo et al. (US patent NO. 5,999,827; hereinafter referred to as Sudo) in view of Ausems et al. (US patent NO. 6,434,403; hereinafter referred to as Ausems).

As to claim 1, Sudo (figures 6-7) teaches a jog dial application access and activation system (10) that includes, a display (12) for displaying an image including listing of applications (the listing of applications are shown in figures 18-19), a central processor (controller 47) for processing the information (col. 7, lines 17-30), random access memory (RAM 49) for storing information and instruction for the central processor (col. 7, lines 25-30), a read only memory (ROM 48) for storing static information and instructions (col. 7, lines 25-30), and a Jog dial (36J) for accessing and activating an application (col. 9, lines 24-50).

Sudo does not expressly teach data bus and that the display, the central processor, the RAM, the ROM and the Jog dial coupled to the data bus.

However, Sudo (figure 7) shows that the central processor (47), the display (35A & 35), the Jog dial (36J), the RAM (49) and the ROM (47) are all connected to each

other through the central processor (47), which means that there is some type of means that connects all these elements together (i.e., bus).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to realize from the teaching of Sudo that a data bus is used to connect all the claimed elements together because such elements has to be connected through some type of connection (i.e., bus) which makes such arrangement easy and less complicated in the architecture of the device.

Sudo does not expressly teach the device is a personal digital assistant. However, Ausems shows a personal digital assistant with a wireless telephone (title), where one device can be used as a PDA and wireless phone (col. 3, lines 5-21).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the teaching of Ausems having a device that includes both wireless and PDA functions to be incorporated to Sudo's device simply by adding the PDA functions to Sudo's device, which in turn would allow the Jog dial of Sudo to be used in the PDA functions' so as motivated by Ausems, to be able to conveniently integrate two devices in one which make the device more user friendly and increase the versatility of the device.

As to claim 2, Sudo teaches that the jog dial accesses the application when depressed longer than a specific duration of time (col. 10, lines 45-53).

As to claim 3, having the device of Sudo (as shown in figures 11 and 12) displaying a multiple options on the display, fairly reads on the limitation "displaying a list of application on the display" claimed in claim 3 (col. 8, line 57 through col. 9, line 3).

As to claim 4, as can be seen in figures 18; the selection of the items is carried out by highlighting indicator on the display when the jog dial is rotated.

As to claim 5, Sudo teaches depressing (clicking) the jog dial to activate the system (see figure 20 and col. 10, line 66 through col.11, line 5).

As to claim 6, as can be seen in figure 32, Sudo teaches that the highlight indicator moves up the application list when the jog dial is rotated up and moves down the application list when the jog dial is rotated down (col. 18, lines 25-34).

As to claims 7, as can be seen in figure 2, Sudo shows a clear switch (cancel indicator) that cancel the access.

As to claim 8, Sudo (figure 6) teaches an off indicator (36A) for turning the device off.

As to claim 9, as can be seen in figure 20, Sudo shows that the application is activated when the jog dial is depressed a specified number of times (in the case presented in figure 20, the specified number of times is one) (col. 11, lines 51-65).

As to independent claim 11, Sudo (figures 6-7) teaches a jog dial application access and activation method that includes, presenting an application list including a plurality of application identifiers, a display (12) for displaying an image including listing of applications (the listing of applications are shown in figures 18-19). Sudo teaches that the jog dial access the application when depressed longer than a specific duration of time (col. 10, lines 45-53). As can be seen in figures 18; the selection of the items is carried out by highlighting indicator on the display when the jog dial is rotated. As can

be seen in figure 20, Sudo shows that the application is activated when the jog dial is depressed (col. 11, lines 51-65).

Sudo does not expressly teach that the activation of an application is carried out when the jog dial is depressed again.

However, by clearly examining figure 20 of Sudo's device, we can see that by clicking (depressing the jog key, the applications are scrolled in the display, and then by depressing it again, the application is activated (step D of figure 20, which shows the activation of the application which related to displaying the detailed information about item 5).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to realize from the teaching of figure 20 of Sudo's device that the depressing of the jog key can be used to scroll through the applications, and to select the application (i.e., to scroll through applications, and the following depressed of the jog key is to activate the application) which reads on the claimed limitation because such navigation between applications provides a user friendly method that is fast and uncomplicated.

Sudo does not expressly teach the device is a personal digital assistant. However, Ausems shows a personal digital assistant with a wireless telephone (title), where one device can be used as a PDA and wireless phone (col. 3, lines 5-21).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the teaching of Ausems having a device that includes both wireless and PDA functions to be incorporated to Sudo's device simply by

adding the PDA functions to Sudo's device, which in turn would allow the Jog dial of Sudo to be used in the PDA functions' so as motivated by Ausems, to be able to conveniently integrate two devices in one which make the device more user friendly and increase the versatility of the device.

As to claim 12, the limitation of having the presentation of application (steps B and C in figure 20) and activation of the application (steps D and E of figure 20) fairly read on the claimed limitations of claim 12.

As to claim 13, Sudo teaches that the jog dial access the application when depressed longer than a specific duration of time (col. 10, lines 45-53).

As to claim 15, as can be seen in figures 18; the selection of the items is carried out by highlighting indicator on the display when the jog dial is rotated.

As to claim 16, as can be seen in figure 32, Sudo teaches that the highlight indicator moves up the application list when the jog dial is rotated up and moves down the application list when the jog dial is rotated down (col. 18, lines 25-34).

As to claim 17, figures 20 and 27 of Sudo's device fairly read on the limitation of "a user depresses said jog dial again when a desired application is highlighted and the application is activated."

As to claim 18, the limitation of claim 18 having the cancel indicator (delete) taught by Sudo in figure 26.

As to claim 19, Sudo (figure 6) teaches an off indicator (36A) for turning the device off.

As to claims 21, and 23-27, the claims individually or in combination are substantially similar to claims 1-9 and would be analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-9 above.

As to claims 28-32, the claims are substantially similar to the limitations of claims 11-13 and 15-19, and would be analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 11-13, and 15-19 above.

3. Claims 10, 14, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sudo and Ausems in view of Yamagishi et al. (Patent NO. 6,178,338; hereinafter referred to as Yamagishi).

As can be seen above, Sudo and Ausems teach all the limitations of claims 10, 14, and 22 except the citation that the application list includes application icons.

However, Yamagishi (figures 1-2) teaches a communication terminal apparatus that includes a display (14), jog dial 20, RAM (24), ROM (22) and CPU (controller 12), wherein the application list (figures 3A-3B) includes application icons (col. 4, lines 37-44).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the teaching of Yamagishi having application icon to replace the textual display of Sudo's so as to make the device user friendly by having icons representation which are usually easy to be recognized and activated by the user.

As to claim 20, the option list in figures 3A-3B of Yamagishi's device fairly reads on the limitation "performing operating system" in claim 20 to be able to activate more functions and therefore, increase the versatilities of the device.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 11/23/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant (bottom of page 9) argued that Sudo does not teach or even mention a list of applications. Applicant does not specify the exact meaning of the term "applications" in the claimed invention. Thus the examiner has to use the broadest reasonable interpretation of this term. The examiner believes that accessing and activating the information of plurality of individuals' information is equivalent to accessing and activating applications. There is no teaching in the current application that precludes the Examiner from using such interpretation. In fact, the current specification recites, "Palmtop computer systems are often used as Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) to implement various Personal Information Management (PIM) applications such as an address book, a daily organizer, and electronic notepads, to name a few" (paragraph # 0006 of the current application publication). Comparing this recitation of considering an address book as an application with the teaching of Sudo accessing plurality of names and phone numbers, and subsequently activating them by displaying them on the display or modifying the numbers, we can see the similarity between the claimed limitation "list of applications" and the cited reference. In different

recitation, applicant recites, "in yet another exemplary implementation the application list includes an off indicator for turning off the hand held computer" (last portion of the abstract). This simply means that the term "application" is directed to indicator to turn off the hand held computer. Comparing that with the recitation of Sudo having the jog dial used to turn the device ON and OFF (col. 9, lines 43-50), we can see that the claimed limitation fairly reads on the cited reference.

Applicant (bottom of page 11 through page 19) argued the dependent claims separately. Examiner respectfully submits that these claims are properly rejected as indicated in the office action above. For example, Applicant argued that Sudo does not teach a jog dial accesses an application when depressed for longer than a specific period of time. Examiner respectfully submits that the Office Action above, and the response to applicant's argument with respect to the term "applications" fairly show that Sudo teaches the claimed limitation. The argument of claim 3 repeats the argument of claim 1 which is answered above. With respect to claim 8, Applicant argued that Sudo does not teach an application list includes an off indicator for turning off the personal digital assistant. Examiner submits that the claim does not require a specific button to be displayed on the display. The mere fact of turning off the device (i.e., turning the light off) is an indication of turning off the device.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amr Awad whose telephone number is (571) 272-7764. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on (571) 272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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